

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**FISCAL NOTE**

**SB 543 – HB 744**

March 1, 2011

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Authorizes students to enroll in eligible post-secondary institutions within 28 months of high school graduation, rather than 16 months, for Hope Access Grant eligibility.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures - \$65,500/FY11-12/Lottery for Education Account  
\$81,000/FY12-13 and Subsequent Years/  
Lottery for Education Account**

Assumptions:

- The Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation (TSAC) estimates 26 additional students will become eligible for Hope Access Grants in FY11-12 under this bill.
- Seventy-six percent (or 20) will enroll in eligible four-year institutions and 24 percent (or 6) will enroll in eligible two-year institutions.
- The Hope Access Grant award for eligible students enrolled in eligible four-year institutions is \$2,750 per year, and for eligible students enrolled in eligible two-year institutions is \$1,750 per year.
- The increase in state expenditures from the Lottery for Education Account in FY11-12 will be \$65,500  $[(20 \times \$2,750) + (6 \times \$1,750)]$ .
- TSAC estimates that 23 percent of first-year Hope Access Grant recipients (or 6) will retain the award in FY12-13 (with five enrolled in eligible four-year institutions and one enrolled in an eligible two-year institution).
- TSAC estimates 26 additional students will become eligible for Hope Access Grants in FY12-13 under this bill (with 20 enrolling in eligible four-year institutions and 6 enrolling in eligible two-year institutions).
- The total number of additional students eligible for Hope Access Grants in FY12-13 and subsequent years will be 32 (6 + 26) with 25 enrolled in eligible four-year institutions and 7 enrolled in eligible two-year institutions.
- The increase in state expenditures from the Lottery for Education Account in FY12-13 and subsequent years will be \$81,000  $[(25 \times \$2,750) + (7 \times \$1,750)]$ .

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a smaller, more compact script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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